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**Josh Webster** has been identified by the UK Governing Body of Motor Sport, The Motor Sports Association (MSA) as being a potentially elite competitor and therefore has been selected for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE).

AASE develops the broad range of competences required in elite sport. It has been designed to present opportunities for young sports people who have demonstrated the potential to go on to Elite level, to develop a mix of transferable skills and qualifications that will aid their development as competitors and/or allow them to progress to further/higher education and/or into employment.

AASE has been running since 2004 and is now active across a number of sports including football, rugby, tennis, golf, athletics and swimming with notable success – for example, Rebecca Adlington was an AASE student when she took double Gold in Beijing. The AASE framework has been designed to meet the diverse needs of potentially elite athletes who have the realistic potential to achieve excellence in their sport and are seeking to perform at the highest level as their main career goal, whilst continuing with related academic studies.

This offers them alternative career pathways and future options once their competitive career is over. The AASE model is designed to test athletes' ability to apply themselves to professional development in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of their chosen sport. AASE is in two parts: half vocational (NVQ) and half technical certificate (BTEC) or alongside the technical certificate students can continue with their regular 'A' levels. Josh has chosen to study 4 A Levels alongside the AASE.

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